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1. The airfield is just east of the Khar'kov (50°00'N/36°15'E)-Zhirkov (19°05'N/36°13'E) road, Ukrainian S.S.R., east of a large shunting station, * a runway, probably under construction since July 1949, as to be completed by December 1949.
2. Nine five-story barracks buildings, red brick structures, were west of the field, on both sides of the highway. Five buildings were occupied by air force troops and the remaining four by a construction battalion (these soldiers wore black epauletts). The construction battalion was assigned the construction of buildings at the airfield. An underground fuel dump was between the barracks and the field, approximately 100 meters east of the highway.
3. The field was occupied by about 150 to 200 single-engine Yak fighters and about 100 twin-engine Douglas aircraft.
4. The airfield is approximately 5 m south of the perimeter of Khar'kov, just east of a highway. The field was approximately 2 km from north to south and 2 km from east to west. A new side road which branched off from the Khar'kov highway just northwest of the field crossed a shunting station approximately 3 km west of the field. Three new barracks buildings, one farmhouse and a residential settlement were located at the road fork northeast of the field. A fuel dump was in a small woods, about 1 x 1 km, approximately 2 km south of the field and west of the main road.
5. The field was still under construction in November 1949. Work was being done on the runway and roads, and grading on the eastern section of the field.
6. There was a concrete E-W runway, approximately 50 to 60 x 1,200 to 1,400 meters. While work was still being done on the eastern section of the runway, aircraft took off from and landed on the completed strip. A concrete taxiway, approximately 10 meters wide, running approximately 200 meters from and parallel to the highway, led to a parking site in the southern section of the landing field. Twin-engine aircraft were parked in four bays, each about 20 x 80 meters, in the northern section of the landing field. Three more large hangars, one repair hangar, and

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one radio section were in the southwestern section of the field. The flight control building and weather station were located in the middle of the western edge of the field. Most of the soldiers were billeted in three three-story barracks buildings, approximately 500 meters northeast of the field. There were obstacle lights on the flight control station and the two antenna masts of the radio installation, located east of the repair hangar. This radio installation consisted of two trellis masts, approximately 20 meters high and 30 meters apart. The masts were interconnected with the antenna wires with a trailing wire leading to a radio cabinet approximately 4 x 6 meters.

7. The field was occupied by approximately 50 trainers, single-engine low-wing monoplanes and biplanes, two-seaters, and an undetermined number of twin-engine high-wing monoplanes with radial engine, single rudder assembly, nose wheel and landing gear retracting rearward. The planes were painted gray-blue and had numbers on the fuselage. They took off individually, in formations of two or three, mostly in the late afternoon, and landed in the evenings. It is said that the aircraft also made night flights.
8. No firing practice at ground or sleeve targets or parachute jumps was seen.

* [redacted] Comment. The report refers to the airport approximately 7 km south-southeast of the center of Khar'kov, approximately 3 km east of the Convo (122°55'N/36°15'E) shooting station. The field is entered on the USAF Tab at Complex Chart 0234 - 9°S - 100.

1 Annex: One sketch on ditto.

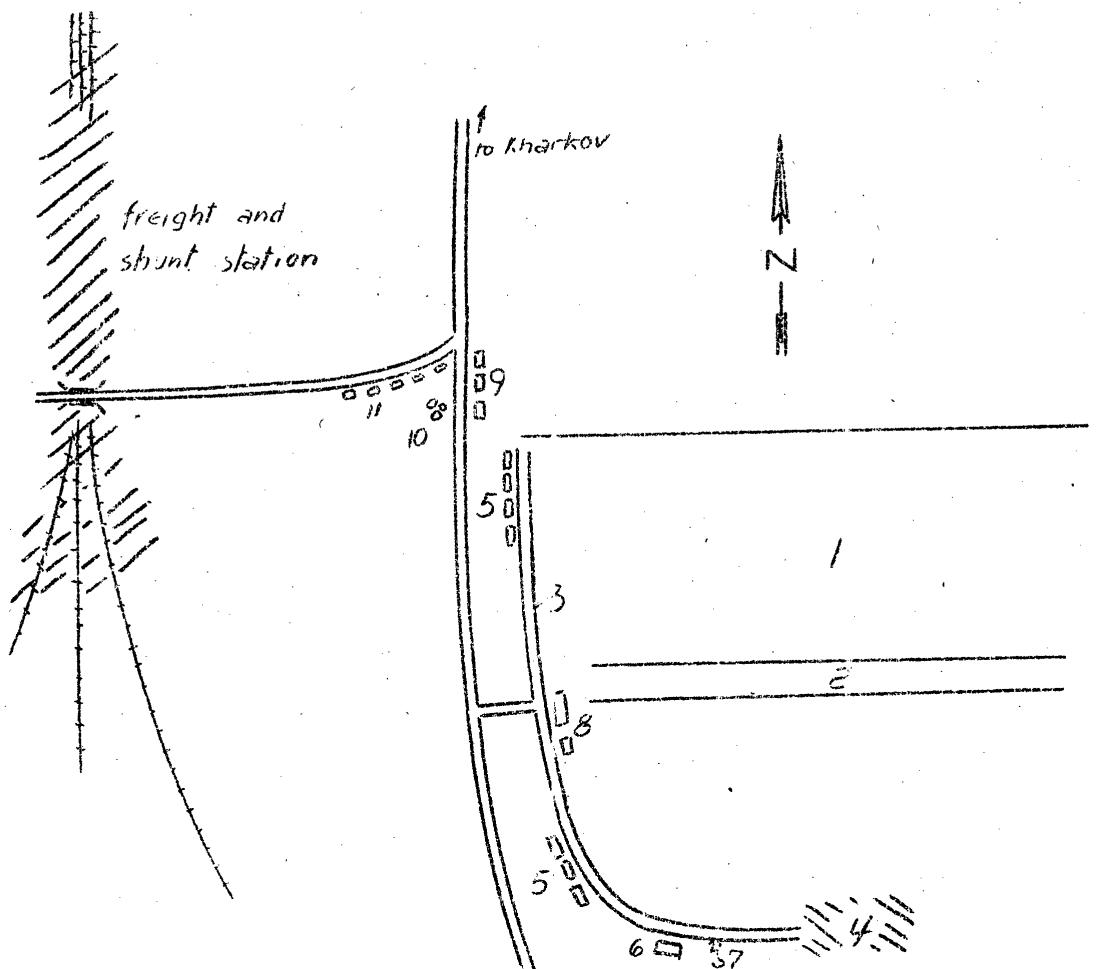
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Attachment

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Airfield South of Kharkovnot to scale

Legend:

- 1 - Airfield
- 2 - Concrete runway, 1,200 to 1,400 meters long, eastern section under construction
- 3 - Concrete taxiway, 10 meters wide
- 4 - Aircraft parking site
- 5 - Hangars
- 6 - Repair hangar
- 7 - Radio installation, two towers, each approximately 20 meters high
- 8 - Flight control building and weather station
- 9 - Barracks buildings
- 10 - Garage
- 11 - Residential settlement
- 12 - Fuel dump

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